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Parents, send kids to schools without fear: Minister Somashekar

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (RK&SSV)- Close on the heels of the State Government's decision to re-open 9th and 10th standard classes from Aug. 23, Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar, who is also the Mysuru and Chamarajanagar District in-Charge for COVID-19 Management, held a meeting here this morning to take stock of preparedness of the District Administration to deal with the safety of children who are attending offline classes from next Monday.

"The Government is with you. We have taken all precautions to ensure the safety of every child who attends the classes personally from Aug. 23. Send your children to schools without any fear. I am always available for any help," the Minister assured parents while chairing a meeting held at ZP Auditorium.

Minister S.T. Somashekar** (second from left) **addressing a meeting in city this morning. Others seen are** (from left) **DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham, MLA G.T. Devegowda, Acting Mayor Anwar Baig, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy.

Barring B. Harshavardhan, BJP MLA from Nanjangud, other MLAs and MLCs who attended the meeting extended their full support to the Government's decision. The Minister directed DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham to share with media the steps taken by the District Administration as per Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) released by the Government.

Attending offline classes is not mandatory. Only interested students can go to schools with the consent letters of their parents. Of the total 766 schools in the district, 232 are Government schools, 134 aided, 340 unaided and 45 are CBSE schools. As many as 85,125 children are studying in 9th and 10th standards. The children must bring drinking water and lunch from home. In case of not bringing water from home, hot water will be served to them in schools.

Somashekar said that the decision to re-open 9th and 10th classes has been taken after suggestions given by experts. There is no shortage of vaccine. It will be administered to teaching and non-teaching staff who have not taken it yet.

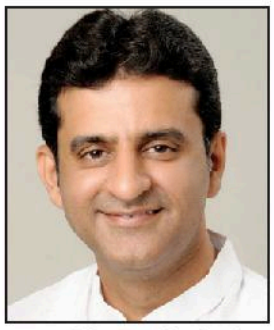
(See KIDS on page 6)

Sacrificing their Seats for Siddu ?

- Siddharamaiah likely to ditch Badami and contest from Chamarajpet
- Zameer Ahmed to give up Chamarajpet and contest from Shivajinagar
- Rizwan to give up Shivajinagar and contest from NR in Mysuru
- Will the Congress dump 5-time NR MLA Tanveer Sait then?

Siddharamaiah

Zameer Ahmed



Rizwan Arshad

Tanveer Sait

Bengaluru, Aug. 17 (KMS & DM)- With the Assembly polls still nearly two years away, political activities within the opposition Congress has stirred up with a few leaders of the party, especially those belonging to Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah's camp, thinking of changing their Assembly constituencies in the 2023 elections.

Prominent among them is former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, who has taken the lead in this regard by planning to jump ship from Badami in Bagalkot district to Chamarajpet in Bengaluru city.

Similarly, sitting Congress MLA from Chamarajpet Zameer Ahmed Khan, a confidante of Siddharamaiah, is likely to move to Shivajinagar, a Muslim dominated Assembly segment in Bengaluru, which is currently represented by Rizwan Arshad, who got elected in a by-poll held in 2019.

Siddharamaiah, who lost from Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency in the 2018 polls, was successful in winning Badami seat with a thin margin.

Rizwan Arshad, a native of Mysuru and now settled in Bengaluru, is likely to contest from NR Assembly segment in Mysuru city by dislodging Tanveer Sait, the sitting Congress MLA.

Rizwan Arshad too is said to be close to Siddharamaiah and may seriously consider contesting from NR segment by replacing Tanveer Sait, who is said not to be in good terms with Siddharamaiah of late.

By shifting Constituencies and contesting from what are said to be safe seats for the Congress, Siddharamaiah aims to further consolidate his position in the Congress and become the Chief Minister again in 2023, if the party wins the polls.

MCC Ward 36 by-poll

JD(S) finalises its candidate

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (SBD&DM)- Taking a lead ahead of its rivals BJP and Congress, the JD(S) on Monday announced that S. Leelavathi, a dedicated party worker, will be the candidate for the MCC by-poll from Ward 36 (Yaraganahalli and Ambedkar Colony), the polling for which will take place on Sept. 3.

Leelavathi

The seat is reserved for Backward Class Category-B (woman).

Leelavathi is the sister-in-law of JD(S) ZP Member Madegowda and co-sister of disqualified Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, whose election from the Ward was annulled by the High Court, resulting in this by-poll.

The candidature of Leelavathi was announced at the JD(S) meeting held in city last night, according to City JD(S) President K.T. Cheluvegowda. Leelavathi is likely to file her nomination papers later this week, with the last date being Aug. 23.

Meanwhile, the Congress and BJP are yet to finalise their party candidates. While Rajani Annaiah of the Congress who lost the polls to Rukmini in the 2018 MCC polls is likely to be the Congress candidate again, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy will have the final say in the selection of the BJP candidate from the Ward, it is learnt.

No nomination papers filed

The election process for the by-poll to MCC Ward 36 began on Monday, with the District Administration issuing the notification for the by-poll yesterday.

On the first day, no nomination paper was filed. Last date for the filing of nomination papers is Aug. 23, following which the scrutiny of papers will take place on Aug. 24 and the last date for withdrawal of nominations is Aug. 26. Polling will take place on Sept. 3 (7 am to 5 pm) and counting of votes on Sept.6.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 17th August 2021

Narayana Hospital distributes food, sweets to handicraft artisans

Narayana Multispeciality Hospital, Mysuru, as part of Inde-pendence Day celebrations, distributed breakfast and sweets to handicraft artisans (inlay workers). Hospital Director (Admi-nistration) P. Pavan Kumar and Marketing Head K.V. Kamath led the distribution event.

No power supply in rural areas tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 17- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 3 pm in the following villages:

Bidaragodu, Kembalu, Hallikerehundi, Byalaru, Doora, Talur, Moodagalli villages, Gram Panchyat (GP) limits, Maliyuru GP limits and Heggur GP limits. Hullahalli, Shiramalli, Haginavalu, Rampura, Duggahalli, Huskur, Kurihundi, Yalahalli, Valagere, Haratale, Mobballi, Gandhigrama, Byalaru, Madapura, Karya GP limits. Hura, Hadya, Hallare, Devarayashettypura, Hediyala villages and GP limits. Nellitalapura, Kurihundi, Haradanahalli and Duggahalli villages and GP limits. Chidravalli and Doddabagilu villages and GP limits. Tumbla, Kupya and Hosakote GP limits. Ukkalagere, Somanathapura villages and GP limits, according to a press release from CESC.

Naadopasana Marga today

Mysuru, Aug. 17- As part of *Nartana Namana* series, Ganabharathi in association with Raasavrunda will present a Bharatanatyam Dance Recital *Naadopasana Marga* by the disciples of Vidushi Nandini Eswer of Raasavrunda at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar, today (Aug.17) at 6.30 pm. The performing artistes include: Radhika Iyengar, Rohitha Eswer, Nityashree Shetty and Chinmayee Bharadwaj. Vidushi Shantala Vattam will compere the event.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The women and men who won our country its independence were driven by a dream. India still needs to dream. The country's 75th Independence Day was necessarily a sober anniversary — it was the second I-Day we marked amidst the COVID pandemic. But it should also be an occasion to honestly take stock of difficult, unfinished tasks and an occasion to hope we will find new resolve to undertake those tasks. India's greatest resource is its people. Through innovation, economies of scale, network effects, they can deliver miracles — if they are given the tools. But if the overall pie doesn't grow the danger is that social conflicts to divide it up will grow instead. Political leaders should stop walking us down this dangerous road. As much as India's power as a Nation-State is a work in progress, so is its quest for domestic harmony and prosperity.— *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Ladybug finds home inside man's colon

New York: Doctors performing a colonoscopy on a 59-year-old patient were shocked to discover a small ladybug crawling inside the man's intestine.

How the insect got inside the man's intestines is one thing, but how on Earth does a ladybug make it into the colon alive? That was the question puzzling the team that discovered the ladybug during a routine colonoscopy in 2019. While exploring a 59-year-old man's colon in search of scarring, ulcers or tumors, they noticed a live ladybug crawling on the inside of the man's intestine.

The ladybug in question was identified as Harmonia axyridis, which was introduced to North America as a means of pest control back in the early 1900s. The case study doesn't mention whether the insect actually managed to escape the colon alive.

The Koi fish cafes of Ho Chi Minh City

Ho Chi Minh City: Imagine enjoying a hot cup of java or your favorite soft drink in the middle of a pond filled with beautiful koi fish that you can actually hand-feed and you get an idea of what Vietnam's Koi fish cafes are like.

When it comes to fish-themed cafes, Ho Chi Minh City has a leg up on pretty much every other city in the world. Koi Melody Cafe is one of the newest koi fish cafe, having only been open for about a year or so.

It shares the same basic recipe as most of the Vietnamese city's koi fish cafes, in that it consists of a shallow pond filled with colorful koi fish and dotted with small islands where patrons can enjoy various drinks and treats.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Coping with Carpal tunnel syndrome

The tingling, swelling, and pain in the wrists, hands and arms is due to compression of nerves in the area. Symptoms usually subside once the baby is born. Until then follow some tips: don't sleep on your hands, sleep with your wrist in neutral position like flat on bed or splinted to hold them straight; when numbness and tingling strike, hold hand down and shake it gently.

By Dr. Madhura Phatak - Consultant Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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CESC public grievances meet

Mysuru, Aug. 17-The third quarterly meeting of power consumers coming under CESC Nanjangud Sub-Divisions 1 and 2 will be held tomorrow at CESC Office in Nanjangud town.

The meeting of power consumers coming under Nanjangud Sub-Division-1 (Nanjangud town, Tandavapura, K.S. Hundi, Hulimavu, Hadinaru, Hosakote, Tumnerale, Maraluru, Biligere, Suttur, Nagarle, Horalawadi, Kodlapura, Devarasanahalli, Kalale, Sinduvalli, Kasuvinahalli, Devirammanahalli, Naviluru and Debur) will take place from 11 am to 12 noon while that of those coming under Nanjangud Sub-Division-2 (Badanavalu, Devanur, Doddakavalande, Hedatale, Hemmaragala, Konanur, Nerale, Heggadahalli, Shiramalli, Haginavalu, Hullahalli, Rampura, Kurihundi, Nellitalapur, Haradanahalli, Duggahalli, Hura, Hallare, Hadya, Devarayashettypura, Hediyala, Dasanur, Karya, Mallupura,Tagadur and Tayur), will take place from 12 to 1 pm.

At Chamundipuram

Meanwhile, the public grievances meet *(Jana Samparka)* at Chamundipuram Sub-Division will be held on Aug. 19 at 11 am at its premises in city. Consumers may attend and air their complaints/ grievances.

REALLY...?

- ***Mahabharata is the longest poem in the world. It is an Indian epic poem which has around 1.8 million words and is named Mahabharata.***
- ***March 21st is World Poetry Day. The oldest written poem is the Epic of Gilgamesh originating from Babylon. A stanza, originally contains 12 lines. A couplet is a two-line stanza and a quatrain is a four line couplet.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two gangsters are about to break out of prison. The first one jumps off a wall into a trash container. The guard shouts, "Who's there?" Gangster replies, "Meow!" The guard is relieved, "Ah ok, just a cat." Then the second gangster jumps. The guard gets suspicious, "Hello, anybody there?" The second gangster yells, "Nah, just the cat again!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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1 Euro	= Rs. 87.36

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	AUGUST 15	AUGUST 16
Day's Positive Cases	83	63
Total Positive Cases	1,74,616	1,74,679
Day's Discharges	120	16
Total Discharges	1,71,193	1,71,209
Day's Deaths	1	4
Total Deaths	2,334	2,338
Total Active Cases	1,089	1,132

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Swift action by MCC

Sir,

This is to thank *Star of Mysore* for publishing my letter titled ***An eyesore in Ananda Marga*** in this column yesterday and also the MCC authorities concerned for their swift action to clear the huge pile of debris that was lying on Ananda Marga near the Ganesha temple in Siddarthanagar.

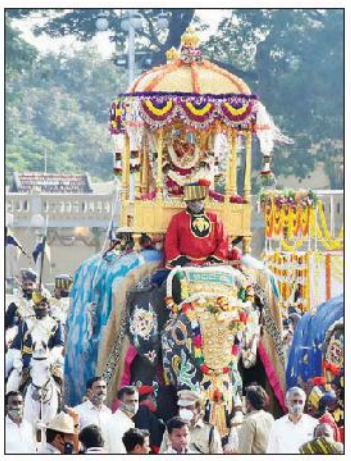
Though we had complained to the area Corporator, no action had been taken. But thanks to *SOM,* the stinking garbage was cleared this morning much to the relief of the tax-paying citizens and passers-by.

—Suresh

Siddarthanagar
17.8.2021

Dasara meeting at Mysuru in August last week

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (RK&DM)- Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar, who is in-charge of COVID-19 and flood relief management in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts, said that a Dasara meeting will be held in Mysuru in the last week of this month, during which plans for Dasara, which is most likely to be celebrated in a simple and symbolic manner this year too in the wake of COVID crisis, will be discussed in detail.



Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Somashekar said that Dasara celebrations last year was held in a simple and symbolic manner within the premises of Mysore Palace. As the pandemic has continued to haunt the State and the country, the Dasara celebrations this year too will be a simple affair. A meeting of officials, people's representatives and all other stakeholders will be held in Mysuru in the last week of August on Dasara preparations, following which a high-level meeting will take place in Bengaluru, when the nature of Dasara will be officially announced, he said.

Additional COVID precautionary measures for Dasara, popularly known as *Naada Habba*, too will be discussed in detail.

COVID negative test report must for jumbos

Bengaluru, Aug. 17- While the Dasara celebrations will be held in a simple manner this year too, elephants will now need COVID negative test report to participate in the celebrations.

It is not just the elephants, but even Mahouts, Kavadis, Dasara Organising Committee members and officials should have a negative RT-PCR test report to participate in the festivities.

Last year too, the elephants were tested when they were brought to Mysuru and instead of the usual 13-14 elephants, only five elephants — Abhimanyu (who carried the Golden Howdah), Gopi, Vikram, Cauvery and Vijaya — participated.

This year, the Forest Department officials, veterinarians and officials from Mysuru District Administration have decided to go to the camps and do the testing.

The officials will go to elephant camps in Mysuru and Kodagu districts and check the health of these five elephants. Once their medical reports show they are healthy and their COVID-19 test reports are negative, the final list of elephants that will participate in the Dasara-2021 celebrations will be prepared, a senior Forest Department official said.

The officials want to undertake a health check-up of all the elephants before the Mysuru Dasara Committee holds a meeting to decide on the preparedness in early September.

Applications invited

Mysuru, Aug. 17- The Handloom and Textiles Department has invited applications from weavers for availing a host of benefits under various departmental schemes.

The eligible weavers can visit the Department office located on Sayyaji Rao road for application forms. For more details, call Ph: 0821-2441353 or 2422322.

Judicial training

The Minorities Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible Law graduates belonging to minority communities for admission to Judicial training. The prescribed application forms can be obtained during office hours from the Department Office located in Maulana Azad Bhavan, beside Shobha Garden, Mysuru-Bengaluru road, Mysuru. The last date for obtaining applications is Aug.31 and last date to submit filled in forms with necessary documents is Sept. 10.

City and Rural Rehabilitation Programme

Under the Rural Rehabilitation Programme, the Department for the Empowerment of Differently-abled and Senior Citizens has invited applications from eligible candidates for appointment as City and Rural Rehabilitation workers in different parts of the district. The appointment will be purely on a contract basis, with a monthly honorarium of Rs.6,000.

SSLC passed or failed differently-abled men and women candidates in the age group of 18 to 45 years are eligible to apply. The last date for applying is Aug.26.

MP Sumalatha to tour Mandya tomorrow

Mandya, Aug. 17- Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish will be undertaking a tour of the district tomorrow.

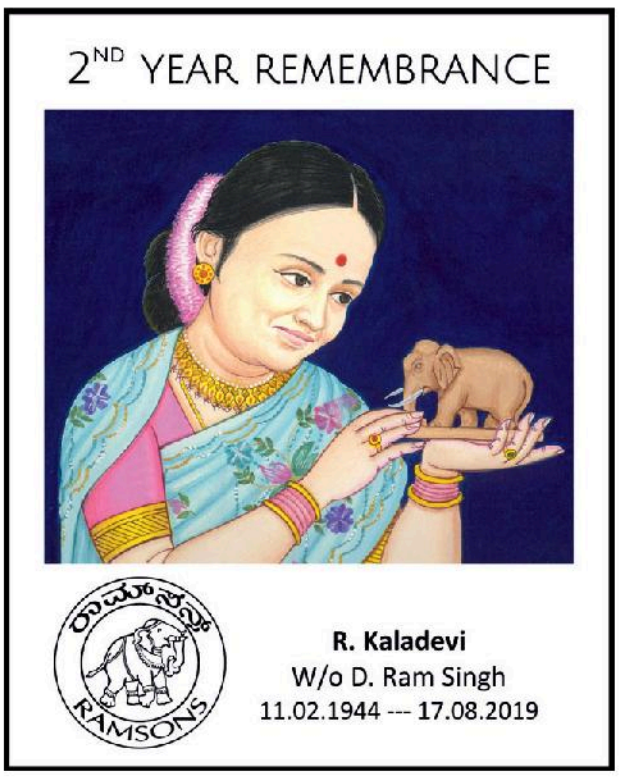
Sumalatha

At 11 am, the MP will chair the District Development Co-ordination Committee meeting at Cauvery Hall in Mandya Zilla Panchayat premises.

At 1.30 pm, she will inaugurate the workshop on Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojana and at 3.30 pm, the MP will inspect the spot, where a minor portion of the side wall under a ramp at KRS Dam had collapsed and will later hold a meeting with Cauvery Neeravari Nigam officials.

Zoo, Karanji Lake open on Tuesdays

Mysuru, Aug. 17- Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) and Karanji Lake Nature Park in city will remain open on every Tuesday and remains closed on every Saturdays and Sundays till further order from Government of Karnataka. The Zoo Executive Director has, in a press release, requested visitors to cooperate in this regard.



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NEWS BRIEFS

DST scholarship for Ph.D students

Karnataka Science and Technology Promotion Society (KSTePS) has invited application from those pursuing Ph.D in Science and Engineering to provide DST scholarship for the year 2021-22. Research scholars who have registered for Ph.D in Science or Engineering at a recognised University/ Institution/ College in Karnataka, may apply online by Sept. 6 (before 5 pm). For details, log on to *http://ksteps.karnataka.gov.in,* according to a press release from the KSTePS Managing Director.

Ayurveda camp

Government Ayurveda College and Hospital in city has started a 45-day free consultation camp for women suffering from PCOD (Polycystic Ovarian Disease) at the Hospital premises in the heart of the city (Opposite Mysore Medical College). The camp, which commenced on Aug. 13, will go on till Sept. 30. The camp is open from 9 am to 4 pm on all working days. [Mob: 78294-08000, 94812-09047].

Elected

M.N. Siddalingaraju, a Director of Karnataka State Co-operative Fisheries Federation, Mysuru, has been elected unopposed as the President of the Federation for the remaining term. Siddalingaraju of Javanagalli, B.G. Pura hobli in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district, is basically a farmer, who has a vast experience in Fisheries sector.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	120.28	feet
Saturday	:	120.44	feet
Inflow	:	3,367	cusecs
Outflow	:	5,545	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.25	feet
Inflow	:	3,737	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,842	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,857.94	feet
Inflow	:	3,395	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,850	cusecs

21 couples re-unite at Lok Adalat

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (YDS&DM)- The Mega Lok Adalat organised under the joint aegis of Karnataka Legal Services Authority (KLSA), District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Mysuru, District Judiciary and Mysore Bar Association, continued for the second day yesterday in the District Courts Complex.

The Karnataka High Court had granted permission for Mysuru District Court to hold the Lok Adalat for the second day yesterday for the benefit of litigants who could not attend on Saturday in view of the weekend curfew enforced by the authorities to check the spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

On the first day on Saturday, as many as 21 belligerent couples who had sought divorce, re-united at the Mega Lok Adalat. After the matrimonial disputes were settled, the couples agreed to continue to live together again.

Addressing a press meet at the new District Courts Complex at Malalavadi in Jayanagar on Saturday evening, Principal District and Sessions Court Judge M.L. Raghunath said that he was happy that the Lok Adalat succeeded in re-uniting 21 couples, including the couple who had got married over three decades ago.

The Judge further said that it was the first time in his 25 years service as a Judge that he could see such a couple who had got divorced after leading life together for long, had been united.

Mara and Geetha couple, who were re-united at the Mega Lok Adalat on Saturday, symbolically exchanging garlands at the District Court Complex premises in the presence of Judges and Advocates.

Pointing out that 18,692 compoundable cases, including 159 pre-litigation cases has come up before the Mega Lok Adalat, Judge Raghunath said that the Adalat has ordered a collective relief of Rs. 59.36 crore which were settled in the Lok Adalat till now.

Noting that 58 cases relating to displaced farmers of Kabini Dam who had sought compensation has been settled with the concerned authorities agreeing to pay a collective compensation of Rs. 4.5 crore, he said that a 35-year-old Civil suit, which did not see an end even in High Court and Supreme Court too will be taken up in this Lok Adalat.

Family Court Principal Judge Patil Nagalinganagouda, Second Family Court Judge H.M. Virupakshaiah, First Additional District and Sessions Judge Saraswathi V. Kosandar, District Judge P. Srinivas, Senior Civil Judge Devaraj Bhute, who is also DLSA Member-Secretary, Mysore Bar Association President Anand Kumar, Secretary Shivanna and others were present.

The most notable among the estranged couples, who got re-united at the Mega Lok Adalat, was a middle aged couple from Jyothinagar who had split in 2018, nearly three decades after they were married for nearly three decades. The couple, Mara and Geetha, who got married in 1989, had sought divorce due to domestic differences five years ago and got it in 2018, when the husband was ordered by the Family Court to pay a monthly alimony of Rs. 3,000 to his divorced wife. But as her husband of late failed to pay the ordered alimony, the woman moved the Court again.

Judge H.M. Virupakshaiah of the Second Family Court, who had heard the case earlier, succeeded in re-uniting the estranged couple after convincing both of them.

After they were re-united, the couple symbolically exchanged garlands and left the Court together in a motorcycle, it is learnt.

Youth stabbed to death over mobile phone issue

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (RK&KS)- An issue pertaining to purchase of mobile phone has led to a group of three youths stabbing to death another youth at Kalyangiri here yesterday.

This is the second incident within 24 hours of another crime where a man had allegedly killed his brother-in-law and walked into Udayagiri Police Station with the severed arm of his brother-in-law in a bag and surrendered.

In the second incident, a youth, who was standing in front of his house, has been stabbed to death and the incident has shocked the residents.

The deceased youth is Yasin (24), residing near the petrol bunk at Kalyangiri. He was standing in front of his house, when three youths, suddenly attacked him with lethal weapons, stabbed him with a knife and fled from the spot.

Though Yasin was being rushed to K.R. Hospital, he is said to have breathed his last on the way to the hospital and the doctors declared him 'brought dead' on arrival, according to Udayagiri Police.

It is learnt that about a week back, Yasin had a quarrel with the three youths over purchase of a mobile phone which had led to a fight. In a bid to take revenge on Yasin, the three youths are said to have been waiting for an opportunity and yesterday morning, the three youths who found Yasin standing alone, brutally assaulted and stabbed him to death when he was standing alone.

Udayagiri Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and have launched a hunt to nab the three accused youths. The Cops have also collected CCTV footages of cameras installed nearby and are examining them.

The two murder incidents taking place within 24 hours has shocked the residents and the Police officials have deployed additional Police force in the area.

City Armed Reserve (CAR) and Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) battalions are patrolling the area to maintain law and order situation in the localities coming under Udayagiri Police Station.

Head Constable arrested for assaulting Inspector

Hunsur, Aug. 17 (KS)- A Head Constable has been arrested for assaulting an Inspector during Departmental Enquiry at the Dy.SP's Office here on Saturday.

While the Head Constable has been identified as Krishnegowda, the Inspector who was reportedly assaulted is Hunsur Town Inspector C.V. Ravi.

Krishnegowda, who was accused of stealing live bullets from T. Narasipur Police Station in 2020, was arrested and was produced before a Court, which had remanded him to judicial custody. After spending six months in jail, Krishnegowda had come out on bail.

A Departmental Enquiry was initiated in this case, for which the Superintendent of Police (SP) had appointed Hunsur Sub-Division Dy.SP Raviprasad as the Enquiry Officer.

Krishnegowda, who appeared before the Dy.SP for enquiry on Saturday, not only misbehaved, but also did not co-operate for the enquiry, it is learnt.

The Dy.SP then summoned Inspector C.V. Ravi and asked him to advice Krishnegowda to co-operate for the enquiry.

But when the Inspector went to speak with Krishnegowda, he (Krishnegowda) is said to have assaulted the Inspector following which a case was registered against the Head Constable at Hunsur Town Police Station.

Krishnegowda was produced before a Court, which has remanded him to judicial custody.

Elderly man killed in road accident

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (RK&KS)- An elderly two-wheeler rider, who had sustained serious injuries in a road accident on Sunday afternoon and rushed to K.R. Hospital for treatment, has been declared 'brought dead' by the doctors at the hospital.

The deceased is Honnegowda (65), a resident of Gadijogi hundi, Bannur hobli in T. Narasipur taluk.

On Sunday, Honnegowda was proceeding on his bike on H.D. Kote Road from Parasaiahnahundi and took a right turn on the Ring Road, when a lorry coming from Dattagalli side on the Ring Road rammed into the bike Honnegowda was riding resulting in him sustaining serious injuries. Though he was rushed to K.R. Hospital, he was declared 'brought dead' by the doctors.

K.R. Traffic Inspector Manjunath, who registered a case, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the deceased's family members yesterday.

Shobha Karandlaje's maiden visit to Mysuru as Union Minister

Pic. 1: ***Ahead of attending BJP's Jan Ashirwad Yatra in Mysuru today, Shobha Karandlaje visited Chamundi Hill this morning and had darshan of Goddess Chamundeshwari at the Hill Temple. She is seen taking blessings of Temple Chief Priest Dr. Shashishekar Dixit.*** *Pic. 2 :* ***Minister Shobha Karandlaje, who called on Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at Suttur Mutt in city this morning, is seen taking the blessings of the Seer. Also seen are JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, MP Pratap Simha, former MP C.H. Vijayashankar, former MLC Siddaraju, MLA L. Nagendra, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, BJP leader & Advocate S. Arunkumar.*** *Pic. 3:* ***Shobha Karandlaje, who arrived in Mysuru city last evening, called on Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji of Avadhoota Datta Peetham and took blessings from the Seer. Also seen are Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, city hotelier and BJP State Vice-President M. Rajendra and Sri Ganapathy Swamiji's Personal Secretary H.V. Prasad.***

Mysuru, Aug.17 (MTY&RKB)- Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje, who arrived here last night on her maiden visit to Mysuru after becoming a Union Minister, visited Chamundi Hill temple and Suttur Mutt here this morning.

Shobha first visited Chamundi Hill, where she offered special prayers to the deity at Chamundeshwari temple. She was accompanied by MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, former KEA Chairman B.P. Manjunath and a host of other BJP leaders.

Speaking to presspersons after visiting the Hill temple, Shobha expressed concern about the developments that are going on in neighbouring Afghanistan, where fundamentalist Talibani forces have captured power.

Taliban: UN must act

Strongly condemning the Taliban, Shobha said it is high time the UN acted against such forces in the interest of global peace and security. Stressing on the need for all peace loving countries to unite against Taliban and such other terror groups, Shobha said that with Taliban taking over Afghanistan, our country's borders face a new threat.

Maintaining that the entire world is stunned by the developments in Afghanistan, Shobha contended that Pakistan was openly supporting the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and the UN, being a world body, should intervene and take steps for ensuring peace in the subcontinent.

She further said that India under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was ready to take the fight to the enemy's camp if circumstances so warranted.

Referring to her visit to the Hill temple, she said that she has made it a practice to climb the Chamundi Hill steps on a Ashada Friday. But this year this did not happen as she was inducted as a Union Minister, following which she was pre-occupied with her work in New Delhi.

Pointing out that Goddess Chamundeshwari has given all the strength and will power, she recalled her visit to the Hill temple for the first time after becoming Mysuru District In-charge Minister over 12 years ago.

Noting that leaders from the opposition then had wondered how she could function as the District Minister as she had little knowledge of the district, Shobha said she derived her strength from the deity and was able to successfully organise Dasara festival and take up a slew of infrastructure development works in the district.

On farmer protests near New Delhi

Replying to a query on the ongoing farmer protests near New Delhi, Shobha said that the farmers are being misled about the three new Agriculture laws. Arguing that the new laws will hugely benefit the farming community, she said that it is the APMC middlemen and agents who are behind the agitation.

Stating that those who are asleep can be awakened, while those faking sleep cannot be, Shobha reiterated that it is the agents and brokers who are driving the farmers agitation near New Delhi.

Defends farm laws

Strongly defending the new farm laws, Shobha said that the country has achieved a record food grains, vegetable and fruits production despite the COVID-19 pandemic, which itself speaks volumes about the growth of agriculture sector under PM Modi.

Debunking some reports that agriculture has taken a hit due to the pandemic, she said that it is happy to note that several educated youths who had migrated to cities in search of jobs, have started returning to villages to take up agriculture, after learning about the sectors growth.

To tour all districts

Announcing that she will undertake a tour of all districts of the State in order to get first-hand information about farmer issues, she lashed out at the Opposition for creating a false narrative about the three new farm laws.

Breakfast at Suttur Mutt

Shobha Karandlaje later visited Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill and sought the blessings of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. She thereafter had breakfast at the Mutt.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra, former MLC Siddaraju, former MP C.H. Vijayashankar, Senior Advocate S. Arunkumar and a host of other BJP leaders were present.

Shobha accuses Opposition Parties of unnecessarily stalling Parliament

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (RKB&DM)- The Opposition Parties have unnecessarily and intentionally stalled the just concluded Parliament session, said Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje.

Addressing a press meet at the BJP Office in Chamarajapuram here this morning, Shobha said that as the Opposition did not allow the introduction of the 39 newly inducted Union Ministers, among whom she was one, in both the Houses of Parliament, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was quick enough to announce the nationwide 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' for seeking the blessings of the people and to reach out to the population.

Explaining the programmes undertaken by the Modi Government for farmer welfare, she said that the Union Government has earmarked a total of Rs.1,31,500 crore for agriculture and other farm related activities in 2021-22 budget, which was just Rs.21,000 crore when the previous UPA Government presented its budget in 2013-14.

Claiming that India currently stands at No.9 position in global food exports, Shobha said the Government was working towards reaching the No.1 spot in a few years from now, by giving a fresh push to the Food Processing Industry.

Pointing out that the only problem that India was facing in the agriculture front was edible oil (the country was importing 70 percent of its cooking oil needs), Shobha said that PM Modi has given a fresh push for promotion of oil seed production in the country, which is expected to bear fruits in a couple of years.

Noting that the UN has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets, she said that India will tap the global millet market for export, with Uttarakhand being the top exporter of millets in the country. She batted for the promotion of organic farming in the country that involves decreased costs and lesser farm inputs.

MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra, former MLC Siddaraju, State BJP Vice-President M. Rajendra, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, leader M. V. Ravishankar and others were present.

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Shobha holds Jan Ashirwad Yatra

Mysuru, Aug.17 (RKB&DM)- Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje addressed party workers at the Jan Ashirwad Yatra that took place at Hotel Rio Meridian on New Sayyaji Rao road in the city this afternoon.

The Yatra is aimed at reaching out the BJP's programmes, policies, projects and plans to the people, to send a message that the BJP Government has given a good representation to weaker sections and communities and to seek the blessings of the people.

Making a reference to neighbouring Afghanistan, Shobha said that no country can survive for long in the absence of a democratic setup and Afghanistan is best example of how a country can fail if it comes under control of extremist and fundamentalist forces.

Pointing out that India too faced a similar challenge, though on a lesser scale, when Khalistani forces tried to take control of Punjab in 1980s which the country thwarted successfully, Shobha said we should be always wary of terror groups and with the Taliban now occupying Afghanistan, the entire Indian population should all the more be alert.

Highlighting the contributions of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar for the growth of Mysuru and development of the State, she said that she garlanded the statue of Nalwadi at K.R. Circle as a mark of respect to the erstwhile Mysore Maharaja, who is an inspiration for the current rulers.

Before her arrival at the venue of the Yatra, Shobha was given a warm welcome with the City and District BJP Women's Wing members showering flower petals on her as she walked through for some distance after getting out of her car.

Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar, MP Pratap Simha, MLAs L.Nagendra and B. Harshavardhan, MLC A.H. Vishwanath, District BJP President Mangala Somashekar and a host of other party leaders were present at Jan Ashirwad Yatra.

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Parents, send kids to schools

(Continued from page 1)

"Situation is slowly limping back to normal in district with less number of Corona positive cases. Case Positivity Rate (CPR) is declining. Nearly, 10,000 tests are conducted daily. Mortality rate is also coming down drastically," Minister Somashekar added.

Meeting tomorrow

Ramachandraraje Urs, Deputy Director, Department of Public Instructions, said a meeting of Head Masters (HMs), Principals and Block Education Officers (BEO) will be held tomorrow (Aug. 18) to once again review preparedness before allowing the schools to be opened from Aug. 23. Of the total 4,365 teachers, 3,329 have been vaccinated. The rest will be vaccinated in a special drive to be held soon.

Inspection must

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda suggested to the Minister to constitute a Committee consisting of DDPI, BEOs and others concerned over deploying Physical Education teachers for each school to monitor the schools on implementation of safety standards at least a week as precaution. Children were attending offline classes after a gap of one-and-a-half years. Sanitisation of every classroom, social distancing and mask wearing must be strictly enforced by PE teachers.

K.T. Srikantegowda and Maritibbegowda, both JD(S) MLCs, opined that there were no problems since the Government has taken all safety measures in the interest of students, teachers and supporting staff. Besides, the District Minister and the DC are available anytime to their needs. The schools can take help of donors for supplying masks and sanitisers for students attending offline classes.

Prof. R. Shivappa, Registrar, University of Mysore (UoM), said that 221 colleges come under the Varsity limits in Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts in which there are 1.39 lakh teachers and non-teaching staff. Out of which, 67.89 percent has been vaccinated. As many as 12,307 students have been vaccinated. The colleges were offering both offline and online courses for students. The admission for 1st PU courses will begin from Aug. 23 as they had to implement National Education Policy (NEP) from current academic year.

Srinivas, Deputy Director, Department of Pre-University Education, said that a meeting of Principals of all PU Colleges has been called tomorrow (Aug. 18) in the wake of beginning of admission for first PU from Aug. 23. Almost all PU teachers are vaccinated and those left out will be administered vaccine in the special drive.

Reconsider decision

"I don't know how the State Government took such an important decision of starting 9th and 10th standard classes from Aug. 23 without consulting the stakeholders. As a parent, I will strongly oppose this decision tooth and nail. Will the Government take responsibility if the virus is spread to aged persons from the school-attending children. Experts may give any kind of suggestion but that has to be discussed with teachers, parents and elected representatives. I will urge the Government to take a re-look into the decision in the interest of students".

— **B. Harshavardhan,** BJP MLA, Nanjangud

Govt. releases SOP for 9th & 10th classes which starts from Aug. 23

Timing fixed; attendance not compulsory

Bengaluru, Aug. 17 (SSV)- The State Government has released guidelines in connection with the re-opening of 9th and 10th standard classes from Aug. 23. A separate Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) have been announced to be followed strictly by students, teachers and non-teaching staff.

The high schools are set to reopen from Aug. 23 in districts where the positivity rate is less than 2 percent.

As per the orders issued by the Department, classes 9th and 10th will be held from 10 am to 1.30 pm from Monday to Friday, while it will be held between 10 am and 12.15 pm on Saturday. Class VIII students will be asked to come in the afternoon to get their doubts clarified and for alternative form of learning.

The classes will be held in the morning for half a day in all types of schools. However, the attendance will not be made mandatory for offline classes. Students who choose to come to schools should get a consent letter from parents stating that they have been given permission to attend classes and that they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19.

The SOPs state that students should be divided in batches of 15 or 20 for the offline classes. Either one or two students should be seated on each bench, and there should be sufficient distance between the benches. One teacher needs to be appointed as Nodal Officer in each school to ensure guidelines are followed.

School managements have been told to ensure that social distance is maintained inside the campus. To avoid crowding of students, multiple entry and exit gates should be used. If any child has cough, fever or cold, such students should be made to sit in a separate room and parents have to take their children back home.

Child profile

A child profile should be created to track the academic progress of students. This is to be used if examinations cannot be held due to the COVID-19 situation.

School buses are allowed to ply but social distancing must be maintained. As schools are reopening after a long gap, schools should be cleaned and sanitised. Schools have been advised to take help of local Civic Bodies for cleaning. Besides this, they have been asked to rope in donors to provide students masks and sanitisers. All schools have to identify a doctor in the vicinity, the SOPs say.

Highlights of SOPs

File photo

- Inside schools, posters on maintaining social distancing and sanitising hands should be displayed.
- Schools should introduce basic yoga, exercise and pranayama to boost the child's immunity.
- While masks are mandatory for everyone, teachers above 50 years of age need to wear face shields.
- Teachers have to get at least one dose of vaccine before attending classes.
- Students have to carry drinking water and lunch from their homes.
- Schools cannot hold activities that involve children standing in groups.
- No teacher who has symptoms should come to school.
- Students should not unnecessarily touch surfaces such as chalks, dusters and water bottles.
- Schools will not be able to provide midday meal to students.

Afghan students in Mysuru worry for families back home

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (MK&BCT)- Deeply disturbed by the chaos unfolding at Kabul's Hamid Karzai International Airport after the Taliban took over the Afghan capital, students from the war-torn country who are studying in Mysuru are worried about their families and friends back home.

There are over 40 Afghan students in the University of Mysore pursuing various professional courses and most of them are not able to speak to their family members back home and some are seeking extension of their visas to prolong their stay.

They are in no mood to return to their nation as they fear for their lives and have appealed to the international community to make efforts to at least ensure the safety of Afghans in their homeland.

It is impossible to visit their families as there are no flights available and the air space over Kabul has been shut. Anxious students have been constantly calling their families as soon as they heard that the Taliban militants are occupying their nation area by area.

Calls go unanswered

Desperate calls have gone unanswered for some while a couple of students managed at least to speak to their loved ones to know about their well-being and the situation on the ground. The students are worried that soon, they may not be able to contact their dear ones as the restrictive Taliban may decide to cut internet and telephone links.

"There will be absolutely no freedom for women. Life will become miserable in stages and we are worried about our families," Haleema Akbari, an Afghan student told *Star of Mysore*.

"Afghanistan will never become normal again as we need to take permission even to breathe. My sister teaches at a school near Kabul and two days back, Taliban militants raided the school and fired gunshots. Many children were injured as they ran helter-skelter to save their lives. I wonder what's in store for our families in the coming days," Riza Sharief, who is pursuing her M.Sc course at the University of Mysore, said.

"There are some students who could establish contacts with their family back home, but there are several others who are still not able to connect with their parents and families. There are some students whose visas will expire soon. We are urging the Indian Government to extend their visas till the situation improves back home. Also, India and the international community must build pressure on the Taliban to ensure peace and not to violate human rights," said Aliseena Serbi, another student.

A majority of Afghan students in Mysuru said Afghans enjoyed freedom from Taliban militancy for the last two decades under the security and patronage of the United States.

"They have destroyed everything. People are jobless now and will face hunger and poverty. Middle class and poor families are struggling to get even basic food items as prices have gone through the roof," they said.

Reservation issue: Panchamasalis threaten to launch stir from Oct. 1

Hubballi, Aug. 17- Panchamasali Lingayats have warned the Government of launching an indefinite stir from Oct. 1, if the Government fails to announce reservation for the community by Sept. 15, as promised earlier.

Speaking to media at Hubballi, Sri Basavajaya Mrutyunjaya Swamiji of Koodalasangama said that Basavaraj Bommai as the Home Minister then, had promised during the last Assembly Session that the Govt. will consider 2A category reservation for Panchamasali Lingayat community by Sept. 15. But now Bommai has become CM and he should keep his promise on reservation by Sept. 15. If not, the community will be forced to again launch an indefinite stir at Bengaluru's Freedom Park from Oct. 1, he warned.

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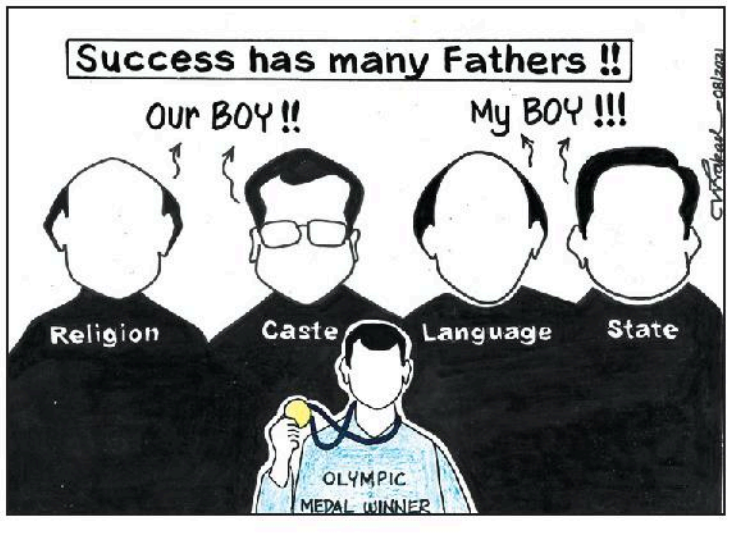

I-DAY celebrations in city

GSSS INSTITUTIONS, SIDDARTHANAGAR: ***The 75th Independence Day was celebrated at the Institution premises in an unadorned manner by following COVID-19 protocal. B.K. Natraj, Member & Coordinator, GSSS, addressed the staff. Shahida Banu, Principal of PU College, S.R. Hemalatha, Principal of School, Sumana Priyavratha, Head Mistress, all teaching and non-teaching staff were present.***

SESHADRIPURAM INDEPENDENT PU AND DEGREE COLLEGE celebrated 75th I-Day by felicitating NSS volunteers, who turned into Corona Warriors to help people during the pandemic, at the College premises on Hebbal Ring Road in city. Chief guest Prof. Krishna Hombala, Chairman and Professor, DoS in Political Science, University of Mysore (UoM), N. Archana Swamy, Principal, Seshadripuram Independent PU College and Prof. K. Sowmya Erappa, Principal, Seshadripuram Degree College, hoisted the Tricolour.

All teaching and non-teaching staff of the College witnessed the celebrations.

SHARADA VIDYA MANDIR, SRI JAYACHAMARAJENDRA PU COLLEGE, MYSURU: The members of the Management unfurled the National Flag and the teaching, non-teaching staff and students sang the National Anthem marking the I-Day celebrations at the Institution premises.

M. Avinash, Lecturer in Economics, welcomed the gathering. C. Hamsini, Humaira Sultana and C.H. Sanjana spoke on the sacrifices of Indians at the time of Independence. K. Dhaatri rendered a melodious patriotic song on this occasion.

Institution Chairman N. Sachidananda Murthy addressed the gathering and spoke about the importance of youth in building a strong self-standing nation.

K.V. Nagashree, Lecturer in Biology, proposed a vote of thanks and P. Sahana, Lecturer in Computer Science, compered.

R. Anand, Secretary, C. Sagar Chakravarthy, Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff were present on the occasion.

Students and parents also participated in the celebration through digital media.

COORG PUBLIC SCHOOL & PRE-UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, GONIKOPPAL: ***The 75th I-Day was virtually celebrated at Coorg Public School. Dr. Benny Kuriakose, the Principal of Coorg Public School, hoisted the Tricolour. Virtual connect was initiated with the students to run a Plantation Drive from home. The students enthusiastically involved themselves in an array of activities, exhibiting their profound patriotism to the Mother Nation.***

JSS COLLEGE OF ARTS, COMMERCE & SCIENCE, B.N. ROAD: Independence Day was celebrated at the College premises.

Speaking on the occasion, G. Madhusudan, former MLC, opined that once again India is on the path of becoming a world leader — Vishwaguru — in spite of the adversities faced during this pandemic time.

He said that it is time to re-awaken and spread the spirit of Nationality by chanting the Mantra 'Jai Hind' and to rebuild the nation.

In his speech, he reminiscenced the glorious cultural and historical background of Indian Diaspora. He said that in these 75 years of independence, the nation has seen many generations. Though we do not have the advantage of being a part of Indian Freedom Fight, we are enjoying the fruits of independence and it is our responsibility to uphold the sacrifice of the great leaders.

Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah, Chief Executive of the College, hoisted the National Flag at the beginning of the ceremony and presided over the function.

Dr. H.C. Honnappa, Principal of Degree College, welcomed the gathering. Prof. S. Somashekara, Principal, PU College, proposed a vote of thanks. Sannidhi of B.Sc rendered the invocation. Dr. L. Vinay Kumar, Convener, National Festivals Committee, compeered the programme.

VIJAYA VITTALA VIDYASHALA: ***The 75th I-Day was celebrated with great fervour at the Institution premises. Honorary Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat hoisted the Tricolour. The National Anthem followed by Dhwaj Geeth was sung, and the recorded Independence Day speech of students was played to mark the occasion. School Principal K.S. Shailaja, College Principal H. Sathya Prasad, Heads of various departments, teaching and non-teaching staff witnessed the programme.***

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING (NIE): ***The 75th I-Day was celebrated in the Administrative Block of the Institute. The Tricolour was unfurled by Dr. M.S. Ranganath, President, NIE-MC. K.S. Chandrashekar, Group Captain, retd. Senior Engineer (Indian Air Force), was the guest of honour. Dr. N.V. Raghavendra, Principal, NIE, presided. As per the protocol issued by the Government of Karnataka, the function was restricted to limited number of persons. Deans, HoDs and other administrative heads of the Institute were present on the occasion.***

29 revellers arrested for partying at KRS backwaters

Srirangapatna, Aug. 17 (Vinay Karekura & BCT)- DJ parties with blaring music at the backwaters of KRS Dam seems to be a craze despite the area being a high-security zone and such events are banned.

Over 29 youths have been arrested by the KRS Police for partying in the backwaters on Independence Day (Sunday) and all of them have been released on station bail. The party was organised at Majjigepura which is in the close vicinity of the Dam and the invitations were circulated through social media by Avinash and Mahalakshmi, residents of Gokulam in Mysuru. **Attractive posters announcing the party were designed and the venue was mentioned as the property of one Tejas.**

Accordingly, more than 200 people came to Majjigepura for the party with loud DJ music. Notably, the KRS Police Station is just six kilometres from the party venue and the Police did not even get a whiff of it despite a large attendance. However, Mandya DC S. Aswathi got information about the music extravaganza and asked Srirangapatna Tahsildar to book the violators.

In turn, Tahsildar Shwetha N. Ravindra asked a team of Revenue Officers to visit the spot along with Police. Based on a complaint by Revenue Inspector G. Umesh, KRS Police raided the party venue at 11 pm and arrested 29 persons including the party organisers and dancers. Seven of the arrested were women. Later, all of them were released on station bail.

A poster announcing DJ Party.

Police deny knowledge

On their part, the Police denied that they had knowledge of the party and claimed that they came to know of it only after the Revenue Inspector Umesh filed a complaint.

But villagers of Majjigepura have a different story to narrate. They said that more than 200 vehicles started arriving at the party venue as early as 5 am. "We had informed the Police and have evidence of it. The conversation between the villagers and Police about the party has gone viral. How can the Police deny this," they asked.

Public have taken objection to the release of all the arrested on station bail. Such an attitude is not a deterrent. Unless the Police take stricter action, such parties will happen in the future too, said villagers.

As a case in point, they stated that in the past too, many such late-night parties were organised in the KRS backwaters even when COVID restrictions were in place and such incidents come to light only after the intervention of media and the locals.

Repeated violations by the influential

Even after such incidents are widely reported along with the photos of the crowd, the Police rarely act. Even the Policemen from Mysuru were caught some time back partying for an entire day at the backwaters after erecting shamiyana and hosting music and games. The Police dismissed it as a 'minor stress-relief party' and the entire episode was swept under the carpet.

Mandya Tahsildar case buried?

In the first week of August, Mandya Tahsildar Chandrashekar S. Gali hosted a birthday party for his son at a hotel inside the KRS Dam premises where over 250 people attended, violating COVID-19 norms. After the incident became a major controversy, Srirangapatna Tahsildar issued a show-cause notice to the hotel where the party was held. The notice, however, was not issued to the Mandya Tahsildar.

Though the Mandya DC had assured the media that action will be taken against Mandya Tahsildar if rules are violated, no one knows if any action has been taken or not. But ask any villager in KRS backwaters, he will say that the case has been buried now and no action whatsoever will be taken.

Two nabbed for stealing batteries from pathology lab

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (KS)- Narasimharaja (NR) Police, on Aug. 14, have arrested two persons who had stolen eight batteries installed to a UPS at a diagnostic centre pathology lab on Shivaji Road in N.R. Mohalla on Aug. 11 and have recovered the stolen items from them.

The accused, identified as 31-year-old Fayaz Pasha of Usmania Block in Kesare and 32-year-old Jameelulla of Haleemnagar in Bannimantap, were arrested on C.V. Road, when they were trying to sell the stolen items. The Police have recovered eight batteries worth Rs. 1,20,000 from them.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of lifting a two-wheeler in N.R. Police limits and stealing vessels worth Rs. 5,000 from the Government Urdu School. Based on their information, the Police have recovered the stolen vehicle and vessels.

Two others, who are accused of involving in the above crime, are absconding and the Cops have launched a hunt to nab them.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and NR Sub-Division ACP Shivashankar guided NR Inspector Azaruddin, SI Jaikeerthi, ASI Papanna and staff Manjunath, R.R. Ramesh, Sunil Kumar, Mahesh, Eeresh and Doddegowda, in the nabbing and recovery operation.

City lensman rescues two from drowning in Hassan

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (RK&BCT)- In a daring rescue act, a photography trainer from Mysuru saved two persons from drowning at Cauvery River near Konanuru in Arkalgud taluk of Hassan on Sunday.

Giri Manju

Giri Manju managed to rescue both of them though the water currents were in full force. A faculty in photography at Rural Development and Self-employment Training Institute (RUDSETI) in Mysuru, Giri Manju was photographing scenic moments of water and nature at a hanging bridge near Konanuru as it was a Sunday and a holiday on account of Independence Day.

Also, an active member of National Adventure Foundation (NAF), Manju spotted a young man, 23-year-old Naveen rescuing 94-year-old Dasegowda who had jumped into the water to commit suicide at around 6 pm. However, after a few moments, Manju saw both Naveen and Dasegowda being washed away by the strong water currents.

Without having any second thoughts, Giri Manju leapt into the water and managed to save both of them. According to local villagers, both Dasegowda and Naveen were being carried away by water in great force. Manju, however, managed to save them as he had undergone training in water sports and knew the knack of wading through strong currents.

Later it came to light that Dasegowda was allegedly disappointed with his family and he had tried to commit suicide. Later, Dasegowda and Naveen were taken to the Police Station where the Police and public lauded Manju for the daring act.

Obituary

V. Nagaraju

Mysuru, Aug. 17- V. Nagaraju (Naganna), a resident of Gowrishankaranagar, passed away yesterday in city. He was 59 and had served as the General Secretary of Gowrishankaranagar Welfare Association and Secretary of Sri Gowrishankara Nandi Dwaja Sangha.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds today.

Thapanda C. Thammaiah

Madikeri: Thapanda C. Thammaiah (67), retired Tahsildar and a resident of Dechooru in Madikeri, passed away on Sunday.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed on Monday at Madikeri.

Subbamma

Bharathinagar: Subbamma (97), a resident of Hagalahalli village in Chikkarasinakere hobli, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind two sons including Basavarajegowda, retired Executive Engineer, seven daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Hagalahalli this noon, according to family sources.

Mahadevaswamy

Kollegal: K.R. Mahadevaswamy, a Veerashaiva community leader of Kunagalli village in the taluk, passed away yesterday at the village.

He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held on Monday evening at the village, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Pulchritude

Pronunciation: PUHL-kruh-tood.
Meaning: Physical comeliness.
Origin: Pulchritude is a descendant of the Latin adjective pulcher, which means "beautiful." Pulcher hasn't exactly been a wellspring of English terms, but it did give English both pulchritude and pulchritudinous, an adjective meaning "attractive" or "beautiful." The verb pulchrify (a synonym of beautify), the noun pulchritudeness (same meaning as pulchritude), and the adjective pulchrous (meaning "fair or beautiful") are other pulcher offspring, but those terms have proved that, in at least some linguistic cases, beauty is fleeting.
Example: The magazine features a photo essay of celebrities who are famed for their Hollywood stardom and pulchritude.

THE ODD WORD

Paletot

Loose overcoat.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Peg out

Meaning: Die.
Origin: This phrase is widely thought to have been taken from the scoring in card games like cribbage (a.k.a. crib), in which the score is kept on a pegboard. The game ends when the first person 'pegs out'. That view may be correct, but there doesn't appear to be any conclusive evidence to support it. That use of 'peg out' in card playing is first recorded in Hardy & Ware's The Modern Hoyle, 1870: "He may with a very poor hand be just able to 'show' or peg out." Cribbage is quite an old game and John Aubrey in his biographical work Brief Lives, said that Sir John Suckling, (1609 - 1641?) "invented the game of cribbidge". This seems to be a reliable account and is supported by other contemporary evidence. It may be then that the term 'peg out' was used prior to 1870 but wasn't recorded. Whether or not 'peg out' was used in the card game, it isn't conclusive that this usage is the origin of the 'to die' meaning.
That figurative use is first seen in the USA in the 1850s, but no early citations of its use with that meaning refer to cards. The first record of it is found in J. M. Field's Job & his Children in America's Lost Plays, 1852: "To think what a blessed mess of piety one's got into, and 'bleeged to keep it up until Daddy Day pegs out." The term was obligingly defined in the Ohio newspaper The Marysville Tribune, in October 1855: "Peg out" is a slang phrase for die."

QUOTE BOX

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.
—Dolly Parton

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

Answer: Wheels within wheels.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Printing measures
4 A false biblical god
8 Std. temp. & press.
11 Simbel or Dhabi
12 A mammary gland?
14 Puzzle solver's cry
15 Former Mideast org.
16 Meshed sorting utensil
17 Most commonly used comparative suffix?
18 Golf stroke
20 Football kick
22 Hebrew month
24 Afternoon nap
26 Very sensible
27 Recurrent period
28 Navigation Mgmnt. Sys.
29 Under surfaces of feet or parts of shoes, etc.
30 Policeman
33 Bisques, borschts, minestrones, etc
34 Swiss river - change of "area"?
35 An angel
37 Arabian sultanate
38 Secure a ship
39 Gambling cubes
41 Roman bronze - "sea" change?
42 Fit out
45 Popular TV technology
48 Rani Laxmi ___ : the freedom loving queen?
49 Swindles or makes a fool of
50 Reactions of surprise
51 Sea-eagle variant
52 Regarding (2,2)
53 Timothy's petname

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	I	S			P	A	R		P	H	I	L
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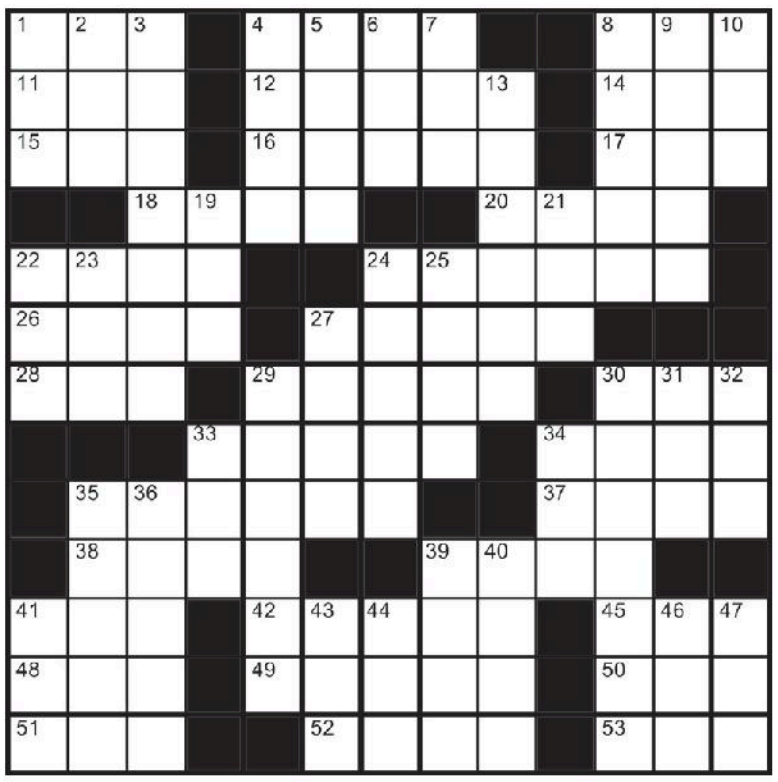
DOWN
1 Loire's contents
2 Management deg.
3 Eclipse, outshine or overshadow
4 Break or burst?
5 Miner's egress
6 A synthetic fruit drink
7 Monetary unit of Bulgaria
8 A very good man
9 Greek letter
10 Average, neither high nor low
13 Resists or repulses
19 Abstract noun suffix
21 Utilise
22 Bristle
23 Indistinct
24 Aerial spirit
25 Gelatos
27 A successful action
29 Took off
30 King Arthur's castle
31 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
32 An enclosure
33 Sellout sign: abbr.
34 Air Off. Comm.
35 Defame
36 A red dye - "noise" anagram?
39 Prescribed course of food to which a person is restricted
40 ___ facto : by that very fact ?
41 Lincoln moniker
43 As being (Latin)
44 ___ and downs : one gets them in one's life or on a swing?
46 Greek X
47 Doctor of Sacred Music, abbr.



SUDOKU

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					9	2	1	
3			4		8			5
	7	9	2					
							2	9
	9		3			4		
	2	5		1				

Answer to previous puzzle

9	5	8	4	7	6	2	3	1
7	1	6	5	3	2	9	4	8
2	3	4	9	1	8	5	7	6
8	2	3	6	5	1	7	9	4
1	6	9	2	4	7	8	5	3
4	7	5	3	8	9	6	1	2
6	4	1	7	2	5	3	8	9
3	9	7	8	6	4	1	2	5
5	8	2	1	9	3	4	6	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YXVVWCJKK WK NYJ XQKJCUJ LS

KNGWAWCB SLG YXVVWCJKK.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The more you know, the more you realise how much you don't know - the less you know, the more you think you know.

Mini Udyoga Mela in city on Aug. 30

Mysuru, Aug. 17- As part of 'Skill Month' celebrations, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department, Mysuru, in association with the District Employment Exchange Office, has organised a 'Mini Udyoga Mela' (Job Fair) at Exhibition Grounds, Doddakere Maidan, in city on Aug. 30 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Around 25 companies from Mysuru and Bengaluru will take part in the Job Fair to recruit candidates for Marketing, Finance, Insurance, Industries, Banking and Health sectors.

Candidates having passed 7th standard, SSLC, PUC, any degree, ITI (Mechanical, Fitter) and Diploma, Diploma in Mechanical and Nursing (ANM&GNM) may benefit from the Job Fair.

Candidates, both men and women, with knowledge of Kannada, English and Hindi languages and aged between 18-35 years may attend the Job Fair with bio-data and with strict adherence to COVID-19 guidelines, according to a press release from the Department.

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	(S-3)	3.50 pm, 6.20 pm
SR Kalyana Mandapam (Te)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Orey Baammardhi (Te)	(S-2)	1.40 pm, 4.15 pm
D-Company (H)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
The Suicide Squad (E)	(S-3)	11 am
Nobody (E)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
The Conjuring (E)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.20 pm 3.55 pm, 6.25 pm

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Paagal (Te)	(S-3)	5 pm
Nobody (E)	(S-4)	11.30 am, 5.15 pm
Kaliveera (K)	(S-4)	2 pm
SR Kalyana Mandapam (Te)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
The Suicide Squad (E)	(S-1)	4.30 pm

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Nobody (E)	:	12.10 pm, 6 pm

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NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

UoM kick-boxers excel at State Championship

*The kick-boxing team of University of Mysore (UoM) participated in the 1st State-level Kick-Boxing Championship-2021 held at Yoga Hall, behind Gymnasium Hall, Sports Pavilion, UoM, on Aug. 11 and bagged 1st Runner-up Trophy with one gold, six silver and two bronze medals. The medal-winning kick-boxers — (standing from left) **K. Dinesh Kumar (silver medal in low-kick - 67 kg), B.P. Rakesh (bronze in point fight - 57 kg), K. Guruprasad (silver in point fight - 69 kg), M. Gunashekar (silver in low-kick - 75 kg), K. Jayashankar (silver in low-kick - 63.5 kg), M.B. Santhosh (bronze in point fight - 79 kg) and Krishna Prakesh (gold in kick-light - 83 kg) — are seen with (sitting from left) Prof. M. Rudraiah, retd. Principal of Yuvaraj's College, Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Director, Department of Physical Education (DPE), UoM and S. Jaswanth, Kick-Boxing Coach, UoM. More than 150 fighters had participated in the Championship.***

England Vs India - 2nd Test

India win thriller at Lord's to take 1-0 series lead

London, Aug. 17- Mohammed Siraj took the last two wickets to hand India a historic win at Lord's by 151 runs which helped the visitors take a 1-0 lead in the five-match Test series, with three Tests still to be played.

While the day began with England feeling confident — especially after the early wicket of Rishabh Pant — India's pacers turned the game around, with both bat and ball.

Mohammed Shami and Jasprit Bumrah's unbeaten 89-run stand saw India set a target of 272 runs, before they both struck in the first two overs of England's innings to remove openers Rory Burns and Dom Sibley.

Haseeb Hameed was soon to follow and Jonny Bairstow also fell before Tea. Bumrah came back to send back the in-form Joe Root, but then Jos Buttler began the resistance with Moeen Ali.

Mohammed Siraj then got Ali and Sam Curran in consecutive deliveries to tilt the match in India's favour, but Buttler and Ollie Robinson continued to deny India, and almost rescued the match for the hosts.

However, it was Bumrah again who got the breakthrough, as he outfoxed Robinson with a peach of a slower delivery. Siraj then got Buttler in the next over, and two deliveries later, wrapped up the win with James Anderson's wicket.

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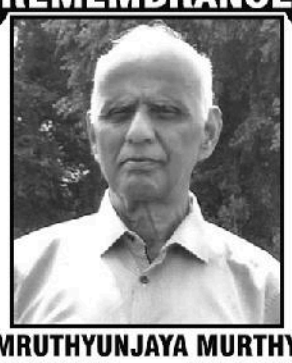

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